

Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme – Progress update

We have made excellent progress toward the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme and through this newsletter we aim to keep you updated and share with you some of the most significant steps to date.

Ground Investigations (GI)

The ground investigation works are now complete a week earlier than planned thanks to the hard work of our teams. The soil samples are currently being analysed by our laboratories; results are expected back in approximately 4 weeks, this information is critical when designing suitable flood defences.



Current defence improvements

In our last newsletter we informed you our specialist field team were brought in to deliver asset resilience improvements to the current flood defences. Four locations were identified in partnership with Tadcaster flood groups. We are pleased to inform you this has now been completed, as well as the removal of some of the debris from the February flooding.

Modelling

We now have a running hydraulic model after a redesign of the software; this is giving us the required information on the possible water levels during a number of different flow events coming down the River Wharfe, both for the present day and with the impacts of climate change. This is vital to ensure we understand the protection any proposed new flood defences will provide.

Working with the community and partners

We continue to engage with all stakeholders and interested parties about the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme. Recent meetings have taken place with Highways England, local planners, landowners, and local groups such as the Tadcaster Community Client Group (TCCG). We also met with Yorkshire Water with a view to better understanding the surface water flooding which occurs on Bridge Street and how we can work in partnership to maximise the impacts the flood alleviation scheme delivers.

Forward look

Thorough analysis of the hydraulic model is now taking place to allow us to fully understand the requirements needed to better protect Tadcaster; we aim to have some initial information to share with you by early September. Once we are satisfied with the analysis, we can begin designing outline proposals to deliver improved defences to the town which we will be able to present to stakeholders and gather your views on the potential options available.

We will also be reviewing all required maintenance works including any tree works which may be necessary to enable the delivery of the scheme; as we progress through the review we will share further details.

We continue to attend local meetings with the Town Council, the TCCG, the Flood Action Group, MP, Councillors, partner organisations and members of the community to listen to views and provide updates on scheme progress. We will continue to use these newsletters to keep you informed of progress, investigation results and other useful news.

Get in touch

We would love to hear from you, and there are many ways you can get in touch.

The Ark. Our friendly project team are available at The Ark at Tadcaster Town Council Offices every Tuesday between 10-12. Nick and Karl are happy to meet and discuss the scheme with you.

E-mail. We have a dedicated email account where you can drop us a line at your convenience.
tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk

Write to us. Environment Agency, c/o Tadcaster Town Council, The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, LS24 9AQ

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Our free flood warning service provides up-to-date information about flood risk straight to your landline, mobile and/or email.

Please continue to be prepared and resilient by signing up to receive advanced flood warnings.

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